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RAPS HOBBLE SKIRTS

Declares That Dress a Menace to Feminine Modesty

American Medicine, devoted to the interests of the medical profession, rips the far famed hobble skirt to shreds in its current issue. Declaring that the hobble has no artistic charm, the editor proceeds to consider the skirt from a moral, physical, medical, fashionable and physiological standpoint, and assures womankind that from none of these lights is it to be considered as fit.

It might seem that, the hobble skirt was frivolously outside the purview of a learned publication, but no:

"The subject falls well within the scope of a scientific medical journal since there can be no question but that human apparel—the female particularly—reflects to a marked degree the manners and morals of people as well as periods. Clothing and dress have always exerted a potent influence on the problems of every-day life."

American Medicine goes on to say that we have long passed the stage where we were clothing simply for attainment of physical comfort.

"Alas, the features of female dress which have served legitimate purpose as long as they have not transgressed the bounds of decency and modesty, have for some time been tending to an accentuation and exaggeration of certain details that are disgusting to every decent instinct. The serious side of the subject is presented, however, in this thoughtful consideration of the whole tendency of modern fashion:

"Surely it cannot be that our girls and young women are losing their moral sense or lowering their standards of virtue?" says the writer of the article, and he answers the question. "No, it is not this—yet. At present the disgusting and depraved methods and style of dress that are so deserving of criticism are attributable solely to a desire that so many young girls and women have of being up-to-date, to be just a little more daring or 'risque' than their associates. Thoughtlessly they adopt extremes and give no consideration to the spectacles or freaks they become.

"The great evils of present-day styles of feminine dress are, therefore, the wrong impression they give of good pure girls, the invitation they let innocent women offer to insult and attack, and finally their indisputable tendency to lower or destroy ideals of womanly modesty and self respect—which, after all, are just about the best armor that virtue and chastity ever had, or ever will have."

Miss Helen Gould Enters Defense of Bachelor Maids

When the Rev. Elmer V. Huffner, just resigned as pastor of the First Christian Church of Grand Junction, Col., delivered a sermon recently advocating the exile of old maids to a barren island as waste humanity, he anticipated local resentment, possibly, but hardly expected to find himself at issue with Miss Helen Gould, of New York. Miss Gould's letter follows:

"Glancing over a Denver paper, I notice an item concerning your sermon on 'Love, Courtship and Marriage,' one part of which I especially notice, saying that old bachelors and bachelor maids should be isolated on an island, so they could not hinder the progress of civilization. I do not know why you made this statement, but I feel that it is a great injustice to the bachelor maids of our country. There are, I admit, many man-haters in the world, but a great many bachelor maids are not living alone because they so choose, but because they have been unable to find a suitable companion.

"I must admit that I am speaking from the standpoint of the bachelor maid. I feel that such persons as myself are not hindering the progress of civilization, but advancing it. If I had found a suitable helpmate I might have spent my money in a different way and for a reason which might not have done as much good as it has."

NO LONGER AN EXPERIMENT

Agricultural Bulletin Treats of Growing Alfalfa

Hon. G. W. Koiper, the Commissioner of Agriculture, is sending out a large issue of the Agriculture Bulletin. In addition to the usual analysis of fertilizers, which they are reporting, the Bulletin discusses the important subject of Growing Alfalfa, which sets forth the fact that 4,000 acres in Virginia are in cultivation this year, which will yield practically 16,000 tons of alfalfa hay. There are a few farms in every section of the State that are beginning to grow this valuable plant. It is no longer an experiment. Experiment stations have shown that an acre of good alfalfa contains fertilizer ingredients that would cost on the market, in the shape of fertilizer, at least \$65.00.

This Bulletin also gives a number of experiments which have been made by the National Government in feeding alfalfa in comparison with other hay feeds, which shows also, that when corn is fed with alfalfa in the right proportions, a saving of about 50 per cent. is realized; that is, the ration which includes alfalfa costs only 13 cents daily, and the other ration, which includes oats and other feeds is 18 cents and 20 cents per day.

A valuable article on twig blight in the orchard is contained in this Bulletin also, and since the blight has been so widespread in the State this year, it furnishes some valuable suggestion on how to control this serious trouble to the fruit growers.

Carroll Man Hunt Cost the State About \$11,000

Chief William G. Baldwin of the Baldwin Detective Agency, Roanoke, has stated that as so much that is untrue had been published concerning the cost to the State for the services of his agency in hunting down and capturing the Allens in Carroll county, and for the efforts made in an endeavor to capture Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, still at large, that he would like to say that the whole amount due his agency for services rendered, including the captures, the hunt, the guarding of prisoners and their transportation on railroads and across country to and from Wytheville, would not exceed \$11,000.

Over 60,000 circulars were sent out advertising the outlaws, and considering everything, the chief of the detective agency declares that they have made less money on this case than on any ever before handled by them.

Mr. Baldwin has been in conference with Governor Mann in regard to the bill and there is not the slightest difference of opinion or friction between them.

He says the hunt for Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards has not been relinquished, nor will it be unless they are captured soon.

Mt. Carmel Church

Christian Observer: Mt. Carmel Church, Lexington Presbyterian, was organized the 15th of July, seventy-five years ago, with thirty-seven members, one of whom was the late Hon. Cyrus Hall McCormick of Chicago. The first minister in charge was Rev. James Paine, who served the church twenty years, giving it one-third of his time at first, and later, one-half. During this time, the session received 142 members. Rev. William Pinkerton, as stated supply, took charge of this church and Fairfield in 1858. In 1866, he became the first pastor of Mt. Carmel giving it all his time, and continued until his death in March, 1875. Under his ministry 202 members were added. The present pastorate of Rev. A. H. Hamilton began the first of November, 1875. Since that date, 509 members have been received.

The "Old Dutch Treat," gotten up by the Ladies' Home Mission Society of the Methodist church in Harrisonburg, which was held in the banquet hall of the Masonic building Thursday and Friday nights, was a decided success in every particular, the proceeds amounting to about \$400 for the two nights.

BRYAN WILL FOLLOW

TRAIL OF ROOSEVELT

Nebraskan to Harass Bull Moose In Campaign

IS LATEST PLAN OF LEADERS

Little Attention Will Be Paid to President Taft

The leading question as to what is to become of William Jennings Bryan in the Democratic National Campaign has been seemingly answered when close political advisers of Governor Wilson let it be known that Bryan's assignment for the campaign will be to worry and harass the "Bull Moose" candidate and to follow him with a gaudy bevy of question marks into every debatable State.

The assignment of Bryan to take care of Colonel Roosevelt is regarded as a happy one in which the Nebraskan will take great joy. It is known that Bryan has always regarded Roosevelt as a trespasser upon Democratic preserves, and the Wilson forces expect him to make a brave showing as a defender of his party's right to carry out in office the things for which Bryan stood long before Colonel Roosevelt decided that, he too, would take them up.

In order to prepare Mr. Bryan for his excursions along the "Bull Moose" trail, Governor Wilson will hold a conference with him at Sea Girt shortly after the speech of acceptance is delivered on August 7. Mr. Bryan has been invited to Sea Girt and to be prepared to remain for two or three days. So far no political visitor has been asked to stay over night at the "Little White House," and Bryan's visit in this respect will be unique.

Bryan will urge, according to the present plan of campaign sketched out for him, that Colonel Roosevelt tell just why George W. Perkins is contributing so largely to his campaign; just why the Colonel did so little with the tariff in his seven years in office; just how the Tennessee Coal and Iron deal came about, and how it came that the Steel Trust maintained so persistently its status as a "good trust."

He will urge that every item in the "Bull Moose" party's program has long been Democratic doctrine, with the exception of the woman suffrage idea and the judicial recall.

Governor Wilson's part in the program making it Mr. Bryan's chief duty to care for the "Bull Moose" party calls for his coming into direct clashes with Roosevelt as little as possible. Governor Wilson wishes to make only a few set speeches during the campaign and to rest his case upon his views of public questions, rather than on personalities.

Oddly enough, the Democratic leaders are counting upon the services of La Follette to be of great importance to them. They do not expect La Follette to declare an open allegiance to the Wilson cause. The word brought by National Committeeman Davis from Wisconsin is that La Follette prefers to stay regular in the Republican party and fight out the issues from within.

But in some informal manner it has been understood that La Follette will camp close upon the "Bull Moose" trail and will take the field as often as Colonel Roosevelt takes the field. He will not fight Roosevelt as a Wilson adherent, but as a Republican Progressive, who has no faith in the Roosevelt brand of progressivism. La Follette, almost as much as Bryan, is being relied on to carry the fight to the "Bull Moose" and teach him, as Senator Gore expressed it, "how much better a weapon the scimitar is than the bludgeon."

A man in Illinois asked to be sent to the penitentiary in the hope of curing himself of the drug habit, and he was given three years. Another man in Illinois asked to remain in the United States Senate for three years more and his request was denied, all of which goes to show how queer some people are.

CLAUDE ALLEN TO GO

TO THE DEATH CHAIR

Jury Brought in Verdict After Hour and Half

PRISONER FULLY BROKE DOWN

Friel Allen's Trial to Begin on August 14th

Claude Swanson Allen, one of the Carroll county outlaws who on March 14th shot up the court at Hillsville, was Saturday found guilty of murder in the first degree for the killing of Commonwealth's Attorney William M. Foster. At a former trial he was found guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of Judge Thornton L. Masie, and his first trial resulted in a hung jury. He is the second of the Allen clan to be found guilty of first degree murder, the other being his father, Floyd Allen.

While the jury was considering its verdict, Victor and Friel Allen and Sidna Edwards were brought from the jail in order that a motion might be made for a change of venue. On motion of the Commonwealth a venire of 75 from Bedford county was ordered summoned for the next trial.

The Commonwealth also moved that the three remaining cases be consolidated, but this the defense would not agree to unless the Commonwealth would elect the indictment on which they would try the case and dismiss the other indictments. This the Commonwealth refused to do, and it was then decided that the case of Friel Allen would be next taken up. He will be tried on the indictment charging the murder of Wm. M. Foster, which is the one on which his uncle and cousin have been found guilty of first degree murder. The trial will begin August 14th at Wytheville, where the other trials were held.

The jury, after retiring to their room at 2:30, were out an hour and a half. When they slowly filed back into the courtroom and took their seats the foreman announced that they had agreed upon a verdict of murder in first degree as charged in the indictment. The defense moved to have the jury polled, which was done.

When the verdict was announced the prisoner's fiancée, who sat by his side, broke down and sobbed aloud. The prisoner also wept, it being the first time during the long, trying days that he showed the least emotion. And he was not alone; tears flowed freely down the cheeks of all the members of his family, several of the jurors and of many ladies among the spectators.

Three more members of the Allen clan are in jail awaiting trial, and opinion is that they will meet the same fate as have the two who have been tried. Two more, Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, are still at large, but from the evidence in the case just ended it will not take the Commonwealth a great while to prove a clear case of murder against them when they are caught.

Sentence has not been passed upon either Floyd or Claude Allen, as they will be used in the other trials as witnesses for the defense.

Sensational Suit Is Compromised

Announcement has been made of the compromise of the suit of Dr. T. T. Fauntleroy against Lou G. Bowman, which gave promise of being one of the most sensational suits ever heard in Staunton.

By the compromise it is said that Bowman paid Dr. Fauntleroy the sum of \$4,500, and also paid all court costs. Dr. Fauntleroy had sued Mr. Bowman, who is one of Staunton's best known and most wealthy young business men, for \$25,000, charging that Bowman had alienated Mrs. Fauntleroy's affections. Mrs. Fauntleroy is at Reno, Nevada, suing for a divorce; Dr. Fauntleroy is, and has been for the last ten years, a hopeless cripple and a patient at the King's Daughters' Hospital in Staunton.

A man is so smart he always tells more than he knows, and a girl is so much smarter she never tells all she knows.

STRATEGY DEFEATED BOSSISM

William Jennings Bryan Master of The Situation

The following report commenting on the Democratic Convention in Baltimore appeared in a recent issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer:

If any person pretending to the possession of knowledge gives it out oracularly that in the late fracas at Baltimore, Md., William Jennings Bryan was run over by a steam roller, and his tail feathers pulled out or lost his hold on the party, bet him one million dollars in pennies that he is full brother to the monkey of the jungles. It is true, possibly, that William lost the consideration and respect of certain politicians whose little game he blocked most beautifully, but it is not true that he lost anything else. And do not let any one, however high his brow may be, get away with the story that the bosses ran the convention. That is one of Hon. Theodore Roosevelt's hallucinations.

His winning was simple enough in its methods. He appealed to the great mass of the Democratic voters outside the convention, while the leaders of the opposition were operating the thousand delegates with in the hall. Reduced to ordinary arithmetic, he offset the thousand with the six millions and a half voters. His tactics were bound to win in the end if he could get sufficient time. Esmeshed in their own foolish devices, they gave him more time than he needed. They seemed to forget there was such a thing as the magnetic telegraph or the daily newspaper in existence. The limit of their field of operation was the city of Baltimore. His extended from ocean to ocean and from Canada to Mexico.

To begin with, he knew every card they held in their hands when the game began, and they weren't aware of what he was holding. They thought he was a candidate for president—and he let them think so! To smoke him out they put up Judge Alton B. Parker for chair man and chuckle. The Nebraskan sought out a private room and did a Highland fling in exceedingly great joy. He had them. Reappearing with a face that resembled that of an undertaker at a \$500 funeral, he appeared to be very much concerned for the safety of the republic.

Each boss, bosslet and bossikin was watching the other so that there shouldn't be any advantage gained in hopping across the line. So all at once, on the forty-sixth ballot, Mr. Bryan, calmly fanning himself with an evening newspaper, watched with twinkling eyes the whole herd bolting through the gap in the fence he had opened. All the power of the bosses, all their tricks and all their money had resulted in naught. One man with gumption and sand had whipped the entire gang. And that man laughed at them.

Washington and Lee Law Graduates

A dispatch sent out from Richmond a few days ago says:

For some reason which remains a mystery to President Boatwright and the law faculty of Richmond College, every graduate from the law school of that institution with the exception of one, failed to make the State Board examination held at Roanoke last month. Only one of the thirteen who received degrees was granted license to practice.

While the percentage of failures among the graduates of the other State institutions was by no means so high, it was large enough to attract comment. Washington and Lee, which for years boasted that every one of its graduates make the State Board, was disappointed in seven degree men who failed to make the required average. Of a class of thirty-six from the University of Virginia, twelve failed at Roanoke. Of the total number of 112 from all the colleges, fifty two, or scarcely half of those who took the examination were granted license.

The papers report that in Montreal, Canada, recently 95 funerals were held in one day, the majority of the deaths caused by the hot weather. Eighty of the dead were children. A horse fell dead in the funeral procession owing to the heat.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN TO

ASSEMBLE NEXT MONTH

Roanoke Making Preparations for State Association

Roanoke Times has the following to say about the meeting of Virginia fire fighters:

Just about one month remains before the Virginia State Firemen's Association will come to Roanoke to hold its annual convention. The association will be in session August 28th and 29th.

The local committees are working hard making arrangements for the entertainment of the firemen, and indications are that the attendance be unusually large.

It has been decided that the official headquarters of the officers of the Virginia association, while in Roanoke, will be at the Shenandoah hotel.

The committee of entertainment and decoration, headed by J. T. Engleby, has decided to have erected a triumphal arch. The location has been selected and will be announced later. The structure will span the street at the intersection of two thoroughfares and will be lighted with electric bulbs at night, bearing the inscription, "Welcome."

The badges to be used at the convention have been ordered. The officers' badges are to be unusually attractive. These are for the officers and delegates to the convention. Special badges have been ordered for members of the local committees.

Five hundred souvenir badges have been ordered for the use of those who participate in the parade.

Handsome lithographs 18x24 in., done in black and white showing a picture of Mill Mountain and the incline and the sky line of Roanoke, have been sent out.

On this lithograph appears the list of prizes which have been offered. The total amount of these is \$400.

Independent of the big day parade Thursday that night the Roanoke fire department will give a night parade, of which fireworks, red lights and music will be big parts. Wednesday and Thursday night a street carnival will be held for the benefit of the young people attending the convention.

What Is a Progressive?

Following is William Jennings Bryan's definition of a "Progressive":

A Progressive is one who is moving forward. Recognizing the imperfection that pertains to the handiwork of man a Progressive is seeking to make improvement in present conditions wherever improvement is possible. As the trend is more and more toward popular government, the Progressive is, of course, going in that direction. He has faith in both the right of the people to self-government and in their capacity for self-government. He believes that a government is secure and strong in proportion as it draws its authority from the people and is responsive to the will of the people.

The Progressive favors justice in government and believe this can only be secured through the application in all departments of the government of the Jeffersonian doctrine of equal rights to all. It follows that to be a Progressive, one must be in a position to do his own thinking. No one can be expected to go forward if he must ask permission of the beneficiaries of privilege and favoritism. A Progressive, in other words, is a free man whose sympathies are with the people and who has the intelligence to see what needs to be done and the courage to do it.

Taft and Wilson to Meet

The first campaign meeting of Governor Wilson of New Jersey, and President Taft is to take place at Atlantic City at the American Road Congress between September 30th and October 5th. The respective candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties have both consented to address the American Road Congress, and while the addresses of the two men will be non-political there is great interest in the manner in which they will greet each other.